

MENOMONIE AIRPORT COMMISSION
DECEMBER 20, 2005

A regular meeting of the Menomonie Airport Commission was called to order at 7:30PM on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at the Menomonie Municipal Airport Terminal by Chairman Bob Willow. Other members present included Dan Johnson, Bruce Trimble and Jeff Overby. Also present were Louis Paffel (FBO), Lowell Prange, Randy Eide and members of the public. A motion was made by Trimble, seconded by Overby to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2005 regular Menomonie Airport Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Under public comments Mr. Ron Ford, Chief Pilot for Menards, stated their jet fleet was expanding and they were looking at different airports for possible hangar locations. Mr. Ford asked the commission some general questions regarding airfield operations and hangar lease language. Mr. Ford stated if he had further questions he would contact Randy Eide.

Eide informed the commission the joint congressional committee had met and the airport navigational aid project (Localizer, Lights and DME) was still in the Transportation Bill (H.R. 3058). The bill was made a law on November 30, 2005 with the President's signature. A teleconference with Willow, Eide and staff at the Bureau of Aeronautics (Gerrard and Kaarto) resulted in a letter from Mayor Kropp to Senator Kohl thanking him for his support and asking for a contact at the FAA to help us better define our project and situation at Menomonie. Willow had followed up on the letter with Senator Kohl's staff but no response has been received yet.

The airport sign layout options were introduced by Eide. The general consensus of the commission was to move forward with installation quotes on the option with yellow lettering.

The Airport Planning Chart was reviewed by the commission. No changes were recommended.

Under the Airport Manager's Report Paffel and Eide explained how they are working to improve communication to ensure small snowfalls events are plowed if the FBO feels they are needed for airport operations.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Trimble to adjourn. Motion carried. Next Airport Commission meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2006 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy D. Eide,
Acting Recording Secretary

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